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For: ADDRESSING REMOTE DATA OBJECTS VIA A COMPUTER NETWORK

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Assistant Commissioner for Patents
Washington, DC 20231

Sir:

PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

In order to place the above-identified application in better condition for

examination, please amend the application as follows:

IN THE SPECIFICATION

Please substitute the following paragraphs in the specification for corresponding

paragraphs previously presented. A copy of the amended specification paragraphs

showing current revisions is attached.

Page 1, before the first line, insert as a separate paragraph:

This application is the US national phase of international application

PCT/GB01/02262 filed 22 May 2001, which designated the US.

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IN THE CLAIMS

Please substitute the following amended claims for corresponding claims

previously presented. A copy of the amended claims showing current revisions is

attached.

3.   A method as claimed in claim 1, further comprising the step of:

using a relevance algorithm whereby secondary addresses determined to

have a pre-existing relevance to users are associated with higher prices.

4.   A method as claimed in claim 1, further comprising the step of:

using a duration algorithm whereby a secondary addresses are allocated to

be as said alias for a predetermine use period whereby longer use periods are

associated with higher prices.

6.   A method as claimed in claim 1, wherein said secondary address is formed

of numeric characters.

9.   A method as claimed in claim 1, wherein said remote data object is an

internet web page.

12.   Apparatus as claimed in claim 10, further comprising:

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duration pricing logic using a duration algorithm whereby a secondary

addresses are allocated to be as said alias for a predetermine use period whereby

longer use periods are associated with higher prices.

15. A computer program product as claimed in claim 13, further comprising:

duration pricing code using a duration algorithm whereby a secondary

addresses are allocated to be as said alias for a predetermine use period whereby

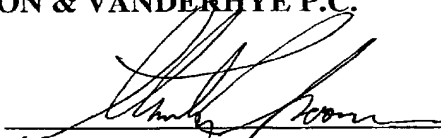longer use periods are associated with higher prices.

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REMARKS

Attached hereto is a marked-up version of the changes made to the specification and claims by the current amendment. The attached page(s) is captioned **"Version With Markings To Show Changes Made**."

Respectfully submitted,

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IN THE CLAIMS

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step of:

using a relevance algorithm whereby secondary addresses determined to

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4.   A method as claimed in ~~any one of~~ claims 1, ~~2 and 3~~, further comprising the

step of:

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6.   A method as claimed in ~~any one of the preceding~~ claims 1, wherein said

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9.   A method as claimed in ~~any one of the preceding~~ claims 1, wherein said remote data object is an internet web page.

12.   Apparatus as claimed in ~~any one of~~ claims 10 ~~and 11~~, further comprising:

duration pricing logic using a duration algorithm whereby a secondary addresses are allocated to be as said alias for a predetermine use period whereby longer use periods are associated with higher prices.

15.   A computer program product as claimed in ~~any one of~~ claims 13 ~~and 14~~, further comprising:

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